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1. BRITISH EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO REMIND THE CAE AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE THAT AUTHORITY FOR A BRITISH CONSULAR OFFICER TO VISIT BANGUI IS STILL AWAITED. IF CAE AMBASSADOR UNABLE TO GIVE SATISFACTORY ANSWER, BRITISH WILL ASK FOR HIS SUGGESTIONS ON HOW ISSUE MIGHT BE MOVED FORWARD. HAVING SEEN SIGNS THAT BOKASSA MIGHT FAVOR SUCH A COURSE, THE BRITISH HOPE THAT THE CAE AMBASSADOR WILL THEN PROPOSE THE SENDING OF A SPECIAL BRITISH EMISSARY. BRITISH CHARGE EXPECTS TO CALL ON CAE AMBASSADOR MORNING AUGUST 9.

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2. TWO ADDITIONAL FACTS WILL BE MARSHALLED BY THE BRITISH. GOLDSMITH'S MOTHER IS DYING AND PROBABLY WILL LIVE NO MORE THAN TWO WEEKS. HIS FAMILY WANT VERY MUCH TO HAVE HIM SEE HER BEFORE HER DEATH. SECONDLY, AP AND OTHER NEWS SERVICES WHICH SO FAR HAVE SUPPRESSED THE NEWS ARE BECOMING IMPATIENT AND MAY WELL PUBLISH THIS

WEEK. THE BRITISH WILL POINT OUT THAT THE PUBLICITY,
WHICH THEY CAN DO NOTHING TO PREVENT, WILL BE
ESPECIALLY BAD FOR THE CAE IF GOLDSMITH'S MOTHER DIES
BEFORE HIS RELEASE.
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